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# TOWN OF ELLINGTON

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MAURICE W. BLANCHETTE  
First Selectman

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Deputy First Selectman

LAURIE E. BURSTEIN  
A. LEO MILLER, JR.  
LORI L. SPIELMAN  
RONALD F. STOMBERG  
JOHN W. TURNER

SPECIAL MEETING  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Monday, December 28, 2009  
Town Hall – Meeting Hall

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Maurice Blanchette, Laurie Burstein, James Prichard,  
Lori Spielman, Ronald Stomberg, John Turner

SELECTMAN ABSENT: A. Leo Miller

OTHERS PRESENT: Nicholas DiCorleto, Finance Officer; Robert Clements, Chairman-  
Board of Finance; Resident: Michael P. Stupinski

## MINUTES

### I. CALL TO ORDER:

First Selectman Blanchette called the Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen (BOS) to order at 7:30 p.m.

### II. CITIZENS' FORUM:

Mr. Turner reported that there is a safety issue on Main Street at the exit from the post office plaza. Looking east exiting the plaza, AT&T has placed a very large box that blocks the vision of oncoming traffic. Mr. Turner has received numerous complaints regarding the placement of this box and he questions how AT&T was able to install it in a place that impedes the safety of the traffic. He asked if any permits are required and Mr. Stupinski noted that it is his understanding that before AT&T installs anything, they are supposed to check with the Town. Mr. Stupinski added that to his knowledge, this did not happen. Mr. Blanchette will look into the matter and report back to the BOS.

### III. 2008-2009 YEAR END TRANSFERS/ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

Mr. Blanchette asked Mr. Clements to provide a short summary of the recommendations approved by the Board of Finance. Mr. Clements reviewed the line items identified and provided the breakdown of each transfer. Mr. Clements explained that this is a routine end-of-the year process. He also noted that 25% of the overage is credited to the President's promise of money for "shovel ready" projects. In expectation of receiving this money, the Town prepared eligible projects, but the money from the federal government was not received. Mr. Clements stressed that no Town department spent money without approval. He added that the total amount of \$406,914.00, did not cause the Town to exceed the previous budget, but rather there was a savings in other budget

items. It was a transfer of surpluses to cover minuses. Mr. Clements also reported that the Board of Finance is in the process of refinancing bonds to a lower interest rate, and if successful, it could save the Town of Ellington approximately \$200,000 over the next few years. Therefore, it is very important to rectify the budget to move forward with the refinancing of the existing bonds. Mr. Blanchette asked Mr. Clements to attend the Special Town Meeting on January 11, 2009, to present the explanation. Mr. Clements stated that he will be in attendance at that meeting.

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (STOMBERG) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, BY THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING, TO APPROVE THE YEAR-END TRANSFERS, ADJUSTMENTS AND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009, AS SUBMITTED AND RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE OFFICER AND AS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE; AND FURTHER, TO AUTHORIZE THE FIRST SELECTMAN TO WARN A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TO BE HELD BE HELD AT ELLINGTON TOWN HALL IN ELLINGTON, CONNECTICUT, ON MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2010 AT 7:15 P.M. TO CONSIDER THE 2008-2009 YEAR-END TRANSFERS AND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS THAT REQUIRE TOWN MEETING APPROVAL.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (SPIELMAN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, BY THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING, TO ADJOURN THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AT 7:52 P.M.

Submitted by

  
LouAnn Carinella

Approved by

  
Maurice Blanchette